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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated August 24, 2005, Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time, submit the requisite fee therefor, and request that the referenced patent application be amended as shown below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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